

# News Release

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## **Middletown Memorial Park Shooting Incident**

On Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the Frederick County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to Middletown Memorial Park on South Church Street in Middletown at approximately 12:20 p.m. for reports of a shooting. A 7 year-old male suffered an apparent gunshot wound in the leg while playing basketball at the park. He was transported via helicopter to Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center for treatment where he remains in stable condition.

Through preliminary investigation into this incident and witness statements, sheriff's office investigators do not believe a gun was fired in the immediate area of the park and believe the shot may have come from further away. At this time there is no indication that the juvenile was targeted or that the shooting was intentional, however it is still under early investigation. Initially on scene there was a description given of a person who had been walking in the area at the time of the incident; that person was located and found not be involved in any way. There was no other suspect description available for anyone believed to have fired the shot.

This is still an active and ongoing investigation. Please contact Detective Moore at 301-600-3608 with any information related to this incident. Tips can also be left anonymously on the sheriff's office tip line at 301-600-4131.

Witnesses on scene described hearing gunshots in the distance that sounded like potential target shooting. If any citizen has information on any potential target shooting that may have been taking place in the near vicinity of the park at this time, they are asked to please contact the sheriff's office immediately.

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